

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING IN THE  
OFFICES OF THE GOVERNOR, STATE HOUSE, ANNAPOLIS,  
MARYLAND, ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17th, 1939.

There were present:

Herbert R. O'Connor, Governor  
J. Millard Tawes, Comptroller  
Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer.

Mr. Walter N. Kirkman, Director of the Department  
of Budget and Procurement, attended the meeting.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT:

General Reckord appeared before the Board in connection with the proposed sites for the Annapolis Armory. There was submitted to the Board a letter in which were outlined four sites, submitted for consideration by the Committee appointed to make a survey and to recommend a suitable lot as a site for the new Armory. The question was raised whether it would be possible to obtain enough ground from St. Johns College for the location of the new Armory on that property, on King George Street, toward College Creek. General Reckord said that inquiry would be made to see if it would be possible to acquire this site and that he would report back to the Board as soon as he had any information on the subject.

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General Reckord reported to the Board that it would be very helpful to him in his work of selecting a site, if he were able to retain the services of Mr. Henry Powell Hopkins, as architect for the new building, since the advice of an architect would be desirable in the consideration of sites.

The Board approved the employment by General Reckords of Mr. Henry Powell Hopkins for services necessary in connection with the construction of the new building.

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General Reckord also stated that it would be desirable, at this time, to employ an architect in connection with the work at the Air Field and recommended Mr. Laurence P. Sangston as an architect capable of taking care of the work on this project.

The Board approved the selection of Mr. Sangston, as architect.

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General took up with the Board the question of the purchase of land adjoining the Bel Air Armory, and strongly recommended its purchase at this time. The land in question is approximately twenty-five feet by Three hundred feet (25' x 300') and can be obtained for the sum of \$2,500.00. The land is being rented by the Military Department at the present time.

The Board approved the purchase of the land, payment to be made out of the appropriation to the Military Department in the General Bond Issue of 1939.

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General Reckord took up with the Board the matter of compensation for the services rendered by the late Major Schmidt in connection with alterations and additions at the 101st Field Artillery, Pikesville. It was explained to the Board that Major Schmidt had rendered services over a period of months and had been very helpful in obtaining financial assistance from the P.W.A. on the project.

The Board approved payment of \$8,700.30, indicated by General Reckord as the amount due for services by the late Major Carl W. Schmidt, payment to be made out of appropriation to the Military Department in the General Bond Issue of 1939.

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The Board approved the request of General Reckord that the Comptroller be authorized to take care of the payment of expenditures for various items included in the appropriation to the Military Department in the General Bond Issue of 1939, up to \$10,000.00, without the necessity of the vouchers covering these expenses being submitted to the Board, from time to time, for approval.

#### STATE OFFICE BUILDING:

Mr. Kirkman reported that he was obtaining bids from various moving concerns for the moving of equipment of State offices to be transferred from Baltimore City to the new State Office Building, Annapolis, Maryland, and that arrangements would be completed for the moving so that it could be done between November 27th and 30th, 1939.

#### STATE ACCIDENT COMMISSION:

The Board discussed a request for additional funds to be made available to take care of the work required under an act of the General Assembly of 1939 relating to Occupational Diseases.

The Board approved an allocation of \$10,000 to cover salaries and expenses of the new work, this amount to be added to the total appropriation to the State Accident Commission in the Budget to that Commission for each of the years 1940 and 1941, and the total cost to be apportioned to the insurance companies, according to law.

#### EXAMINING BOARDS:

Mr. Kirkman submitted to the Board statements he had received from various Examining Boards outlining their proposed expenditures for the fiscal year 1940. The statements submitted by the following Boards were approved:

State Board of Registration for Professional  
Engineers and Land Surveyors  
Board of Examiners and Registration of Architects  
The State Board of Examiners of Moving  
Picture Operators  
State Veterinary Medical Board of Maryland  
Board of Medical Examiners of Maryland  
State Board of Electrical Examiners & Supervisers  
The Maryland State Board of Examiners of Nurses  
Maryland State Board of Barber Examiners.

The Board deferred approval of the statements submitted by the -

State Athletic Commission  
State Board of Hairdressers and Beauty Culturists,

pending the securing of further information.

#### UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND:

Mr. Kirkman submitted to the Board revised statement of the Budget of the University of Maryland for the fiscal year 1940.

The Board approved the Budget as submitted with the exception of the salary included for the Professor of Geology of \$4,500. and the item of \$1,200 for Recreational Director for Parks and Forests Service, believing that no authority should be given for the expenditure of the amounts included for these two items, at this time.

COMMISSIONER OF MOTOR VEHICLES: - Insurance

The Board approved a proposed settlement as to insurance placed for the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles by Mr. W. Harry Haller, Frederick, Maryland, the compromise being effected by the State Law Department, and the terms of the settlement being: -

"THIS RELEASE made this      day of November 1939, by the DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND

WHEREAS on May 31, 1935, there became due from The Great American Indemnity Company to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for the account of the Department of the Maryland State Police the sum of \$4943.39, as a refund of an unearned premium on Workmen's Compensation Policy No. C 103734 issue on April 1, 1935, to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles; and

WHEREAS on June 1, 1935, The Great American Indemnity Company issued its Workmen's Compensation Policy No. C-110895 to the Department of the Maryland State Police covering the compensation insurance for said Department for the period of one year from June 1, 1935 to June 1, 1936, which said policy was cancelled on June 15, 1935; and

WHEREAS a dispute has arisen between the Parties and the Department of the Maryland State Police has contended that said policy No. C 110895 was never ordered or authorized to be issued and that it is not liable for any premium thereon and the said The Great American Indemnity Company has contended that on the contrary the Department of the Maryland State Police is liable for a premium of \$2600 on said policy No. C 110895 at short rates for the period from June 1 to June 15, 1935, and in addition is liable for a broker's commission paid to W. Harry Haller in the amount of \$3045 on said policy for the period of one year; and

WHEREAS the said Parties have agreed to adjust their differences on the basis of an allowance to The Great American Indemnity Company of said short rate premium in the amount of \$2600 and a disallowance of said broker's commission in the amount of \$3045, with the result that The Great American Indemnity Company has agreed to pay to the Department of the Maryland State Police the sum of \$2343.39, being the difference between the said premium refund of \$4943.39 and said short rate premium of \$2600.

NOW THEREFORE THIS RELEASE WITNESSETH; That for and in consideration of the premises and of the sum of \$2343.39 this day paid by The Great American Indemnity Company to the Department of the Maryland State Police, the said Department of the Maryland State Police does hereby release, exonerate, acquit and discharge the said The Great American Indemnity Company and W. Harry Haller from any and all claims, demands, actions or causes of actions which the said the Department of the Maryland State Police has, may have, might have had or might in the future have for or by reason of a refund of premium on policy No. C 103734 issued by The Great American Indemnity Company to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles on April 1, 1935.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF The Department of the Maryland State Police has caused this release to be signed by its Superintendent with the approval of the Board of Public Works of the State of Maryland hereunto affixed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE MARYLAND  
STATE POLICE

WITNESS

By \_\_\_\_\_ (Seal)  
Superintendent

The execution of the foregoing release and the settlement therein referred to is hereby approved by the Board of Public Works.

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Board of Public Works

STATE ROADS COMMISSION:

The Board approved execution of deed from the State Roads Commission to James F. Brown and Ada M. Brown, his wife, covering certain land in Prince George's County not necessary for the use of the State Roads Commission, the land consisting of 3/100ths of an acre more or less.

WICOMICO RIVER DREDGING PROJECT:

The secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter from Mr. Charles J. Truitt, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, at Salisbury, Maryland, stating that his organization had been informed by the War Department that the only thing delaying the advertising for bids for dredging the Wicomico River and Salisbury Harbor is the \$14,000 payment from the State, as its contribution toward the cost of the work. The Secretary explained that it is customary in projects of this kind for the State to advance to the War Department the amount of money being contributed by the State, with an accounting being made by the War Department after expenditure of the funds.

The Board approved the advance of the \$14,000 on this project.

STATE ROADS COMMISSION - Peace Cross at Bladensburg:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Mr. S. Marvin Peach, attorney, Upper Marlboro, and a communication from the State Roads Commission relative to a claim made by the heirs of William T. Casey, covering land included in the site of the Peace Cross at Bladensburg. Mr. Thomas M. Jenifer, Special Assistant Attorney General for the State Roads Commission, called attention to Chapter 432 of the Acts of 1935 in which it is provided that:

"That the Board of Public Works be and it is hereby directed to transfer to the said State Roads Commission such amount as may be agreed upon awarded for the acquisition of said tract."

Since the Board does not have any funds at its disposal, it was not felt necessary to enter into the merits of the case at this time.

SPRINGFIELD STATE HOSPITAL:

The Board approved request contained in a letter from the Springfield State Hospital, dated November 14th, 1939, that the hospital be authorized to enter into contracts with Thomas Hicks & Sons, Inc., and Charles T. King, Inc. for work to be done at the institution in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by Mr. Henry Powell Hopkins, Architect, at a total cost of \$192,025.02, with the appropriation for work of the institution in the General Bond Issue of 1939 at \$200,000. of which \$5,000.00 already has been allocated for use by the institution for work it is doing with its own employes, leaving \$2,974.98 for contingencies in connection with the work to be done by the above named contractors:

Thomas Hicks & Sons, Inc.	\$69,592.00	
Charles T. King, Inc.	111,350.00	
Architect's Fee (6%)	11,035.02	
Advertising	48.00	\$192,025.02.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS - Repairs:

The Board approved bill of Lawrence H. Perrine, Baltimore, in the amount of \$293.00 covering miscellaneous repairs on the State House and the Court of Appeals Building, payment to be made out of the appropriation of \$15,000 in the General Bond Issue of 1939.

BANK COMMISSIONER:

The Comptroller brought to the attention of the Board a letter from Mr. John W. Downing, Bank Commissioner, relating to allowances for traveling expenses. Under a ruling previously approved by the Board an allowance of five cents per mile is made to an employe using a personal car in traveling on official business. Mr. Downing called attention to the fact that at times an employe will take with him in his car one or more additional employes and that, under the circumstances, the employe should be given a greater allowance in such cases. It was apointed out that if the employe were not to be reimbursed for the additional men taken along with him, the State would not be spending anything for transportation but that there would be some additional expense incurred by the employe operating his car.

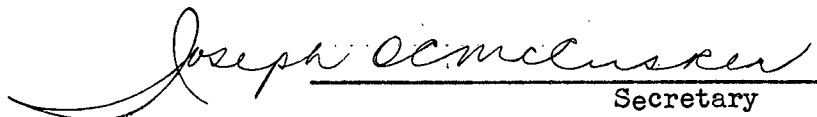
It was agreed that in such cases the employe, in addition to an allowance of five cents per mile to himself, he should be entitled to an allowance of one cent per mile for each employe he takes with him on official business.

COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY - Delinquent Tax Accounts:

The Comptroller brought to the attetnion of the Board the fact that there were being carried on the books of the State Comptroller taxes due by various corporations authorized to do business in the State of Maryland but where authority had been discontinued by the State Tax Commission or the corporation had left the State, and was no longer engaged in business here. The efforts of the Comptroller to collect these taxes have been unavailing and authority was requested to write off these as uncollectibel. The total of these taxes is \$1,371.00, as set forth in statement submitted by the Comptroller.

The authority requested as to these taxes was granted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Secretary